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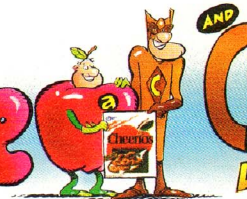
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EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**WHEN A
CACTUS™
COMES A
CALLING!**



THE ADVENTURES OF

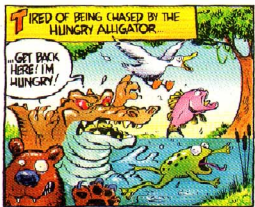
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AND CINNAMAN

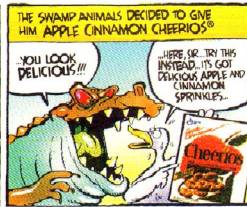
DEFENDERS OF THE SPRINKLES

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T IRED OF BEING CHASED BY THE HUNGRY ALLIGATOR.

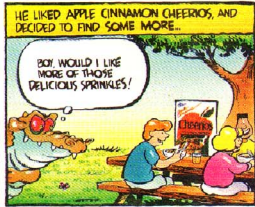
GET BACK HERE! I'M HUNGRY!



THE SWAMP ANIMALS DECIDED TO GIVE HIM APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS®.

YOU LOOK DELICIOUS!!!

HERE, SIR. TRY THIS INSTEAD. IT'S GOT DELICIOUS APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES.



HE LIKED APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS, AND DECIDED TO FIND SOME MORE.

BOY, WOULD I LIKE MORE OF THOSE DELICIOUS SPRINKLES!



IN FACT HE LIKED THE SPRINKLES SO MUCH HE DECIDED TO MAKE A CAREER OF EATING THEM.

FROM NOW ON, CALL ME SPRINGLEGATOR!



GIMME THOSE SPRINKLES!

IT'S BETTER CALL APPLE AND CINNAMAN!

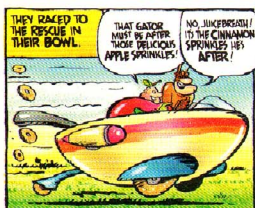
HEY! REPTILES!



AND SO, APPLE AND CINNAMAN, THE HEROES WHO DEFEND THE SPRINKLES, WERE CALLED...

HELP! A GATOR AFTER OUR SPRINKLES!

OH, MY GOSH! MY WATCH! IT'S A RADIO, SEEDPRAIN! NOW, C'MON! LET'S SAVE THE SPRINKLES!



THEY RACED TO THE RESCUE IN THEIR BOAT.

THAT GATOR MUST BE AFTER THOSE DELICIOUS APPLE SPRINKLES!

NO, JUNKERBRAIN! IT'S THE CINNAMON SPRINKLES HE'S AFTER!



GOSH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF HIM! NOW ON EARTH CAN WE STOP HIM?

EASY! WE'LL USE OUR ANTI-GATOR GUN!

HUH?



LET'S SEE. ANTI-ZEBRA GUN. ANTI-WALRUS GUN. I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANTI-GATOR GUN!

AWWW! BIG APPLE AND CINNAMON SPRINKLES!

UH, CINNAMAN.



GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO USE THIS LEFTOVER HAM!



IT WORKED! THE HAM STOPPED SPRINGLEGATOR!

YES YOU LATER, SPRINGLEGATOR!



AND ONCE AGAIN, APPLE CINNAMON CHEERIOS WAS PART OF A GOOD BREAKFAST!

IT'S APPLICIOUS! AND CINNAMONCREDIBLE!

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PUGNACIOUS PAUL BECTON,
GRIMPY GORILLA ROCKWITZ AND
TURNBUCKLE TOM DEFALCO

HELLO AGAIN, WRESTLING
FANS! JIM ROSS HERE, LIVE
FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA! TONIGHT
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF HOT WCW ACTION
COMING YOUR WAY! WE'LL SEE THE
STEINER BROS. DEFEND THEIR WORLD
TAG TITLES AGAINST THE DANGEROUS
ALLIANCE, AND THEN WE'LL SEE
CACTUS JACK WRESTLE STING
FOR THE WCW WORLD HEAVY-
WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP,
WHICH HAS BEEN VACANT FOR
THREE LONG MONTHS.

SHUSH, JIMMY!
THE PEOPLE WANNA SEE
ME, JOHNNY B. BADD, BECAUSE
I'M SO PRETTY! I THINK STING
WILL FIND HIMSELF IN A
PRICKLY SITUATION WHEN
HE GOES UP AGAINST THE
CACTUS!

WHAT'S YOUR
TAKE ON THIS CONTEST,
JOHNNY? WILL THE SO-
CALLED "ONLY RAPPER
IN WCW" PUNCH FRESH
OVERPONER HEAVY
METAL VAN
HAMMER?

DEFINITELY!
I MEAN, LOOK AT
THAT BOY'S STOMACH! IT'S
SO RIPPED, YOU COULD DO
YOUR LAUNDRY
ON IT!

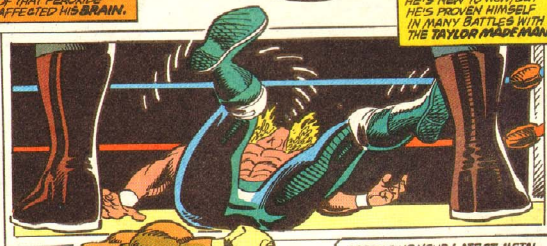


YOU THINK YOU SO TOUGH
WITH THEM PRETTY
YELLA CURLS?
MY HOMIES CAN'T TELL
IF YOU'RE A BOY
OR A GIRL!

AND MEBBE NOW THAT FRESH HAS
KNOCKED YOU ON YO' REAR
THE PRETTY BOY BE CONSIDERIN' AN
ALTERNATE CAREER.

THE HAMMER MAN DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE ON HIS GAME
TONIGHT, JIMMY. MAYBE
ALL OF THAT PERKIDE
HAS AFFECTED HIS BRAIN.

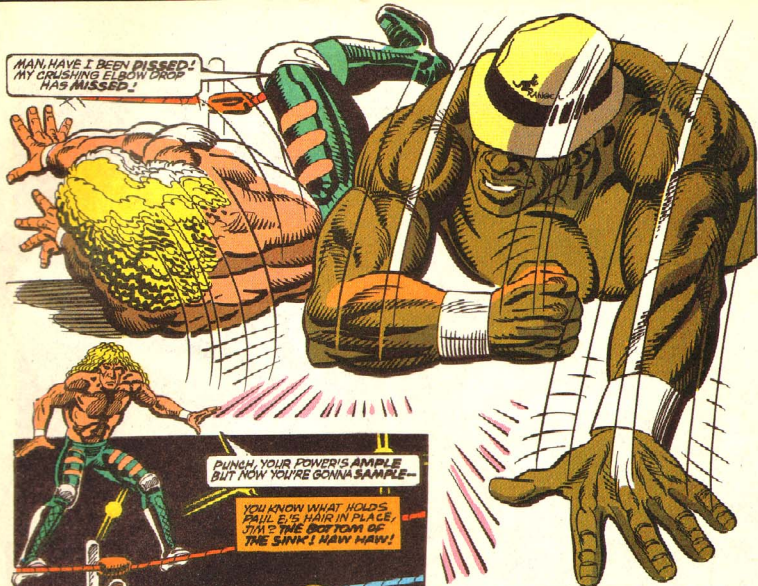
DON'T SELL VAN HAMMER
SHORT JUST YET! SURE,
HE'S NEW TO WCN, BUT
HE'S PROVEN HIMSELF
IN MANY BATTLES WITH
THE TAYLOR MADE MAN.



SORRY THAT YOUR LATEST METAL
SINGLE WAS SUCH A DISMAL FLOP,
BUT THAT WILL SEEM LIKE NUTHIN' TO
MY CRUSHIN' ELBOW DROP!

YOU KNOW THE NAME
OF PUNCH'S NEW MT
SINGLE? IT'S CALLED
"BOY IS PAUL R.
DANGEROUSLY BALD!"

MAN, HAVE I BEEN DISSSED!
MY CRUSHING ELBOW DROP
HAS MISSED!

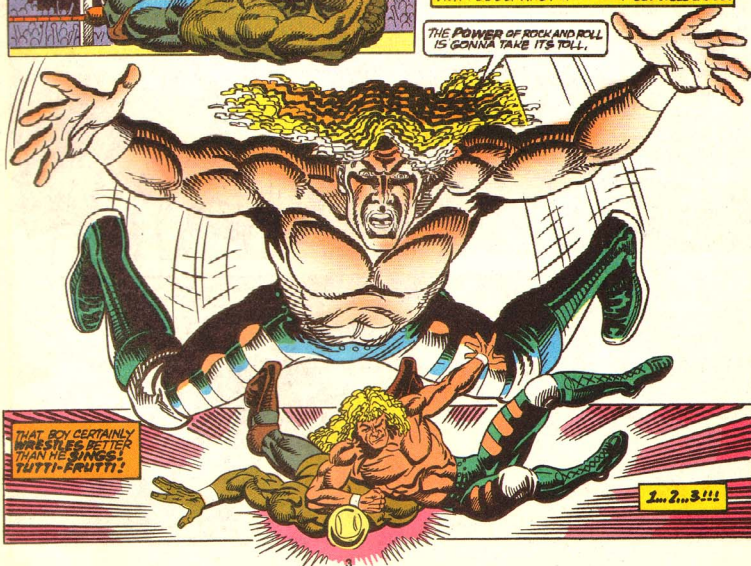


PUNCH, YOUR POWER IS AMPLE
BUT NOW YOU'RE GONNA SAMPLE—

YOU KNOW WHAT HOLDS
PAUL E.'S HAIR IN PLACE,
JIM? THE BUTT OF
THE SINK! HAW HAW!

THAT MAY BE TRUE! BUT RIGHT NOW, I THINK THAT
AFTER LAST MONTH'S ATTACK, PUNCH FRESH
DESERVES WHATEVER HAPPENS TO HIM! BUT
ONE THING YOU CAN BE SURE OF, THE FANS
WOULDN'T BE SENDING HIM A LOT OF GET WELL CARDS.

THE POWER OF ROCK AND ROLL
IS GONNA TAKE ITS TOLL.



THAT BOY CERTAINLY
WRESTLES BETTER
THAN ME, SANGE!
TUTTI-FRUTTI!

1...2...3!!!





MACHO MAN
RANDY SAVAGE



HULK HOGAN



THE UNDERTAKER



THE MOUNTIE

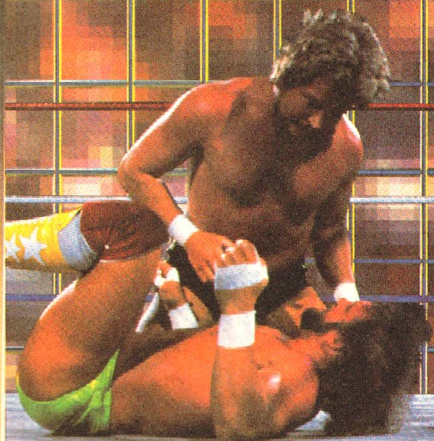


SID JUSTICE



JAKE "THE SNAKE"
ROBERTS

THE RAGE OF THE CAGE!



WWF WRESTLING ACTION
SO INTENSE ONLY 15 FEET
OF STEEL CAN CONTAIN IT!



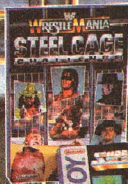
GO FOR THE TAG TEAM
TITLE WITH CANVAS-
SHREDDING ACTION.



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YOUR FAVORITE WWF
SUPERSTARS.

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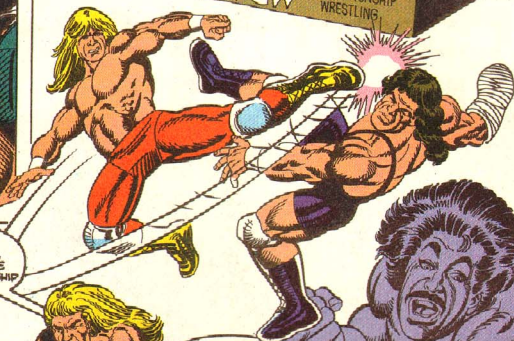
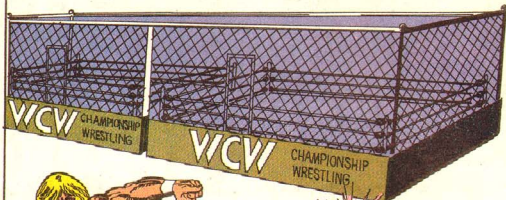
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DON'T BLAME JOHNNY FOR YOUR MISFORTUNE, PAUL E. BESIDES, RUDE MAY HAVE HELD THE BELT BUT HE WAS NEVER CHAMPION!



AND IF IT WASN'T FOR JOHNNY AND THE STINGER SQUADRON, YOUR MAN MIGHT STILL BE HOLDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP BELT, ILLEGALLY!



YOUR MEN SADISTICALLY BEAT THE STEINERS, RE-INJURING SCOTT'S PREVIOUSLY INJURED ARM! IF JOHNNY HADN'T CHANGED HIS WAYS, THANKS TO THE X-MAN AND RESCUED THE STINGERS, I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED.



WHY'S IT OKAY FOR JOHNNY B. BADD TO STICK HIS NOSE IN OUR MATCH? IF ONE'A MY GUYS DID IT, YOU'D CALL IT CHEATING! BUT THIS JOCKER DOES IT AND YOU CALL HIM A HERO!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOSS? YOUR BOSS TELLYA TO PUSH THE JOHNNY B. BADD POSTERS OUT AT THE CANDY COUNTERS? OR DID SOMEBODY PAY YOU OFF?

BUT DON'T WORRY, JOHNNY. AFTER AIN ANDERSON AND BEAUTIFUL BOBBY WIN THOSE BELTS FROM THE STEINER SISTERS, MAYBE I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO POLISH THEM!





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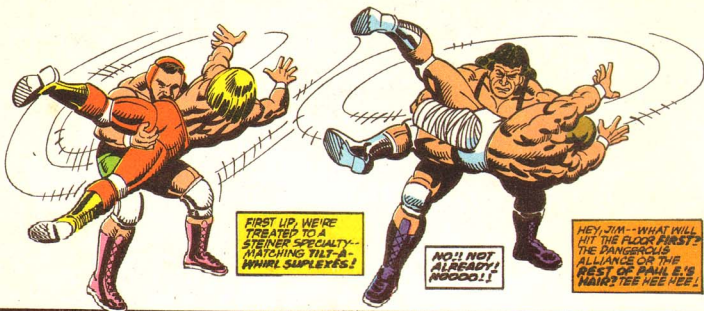
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FIRST UP, WE'RE
TREATED TO A
STEINER SPECIALTY--
MATCHING TILT-A-
WHIRL SUPLEXES!

NO!! NOT
ALREADY!
NOOOO!!

HEY, JIM--WHAT WILL
HIT THE FLOOR FIRST?
THE DANGEROUS
ALLIANCE OR THE
REST OF PAUL E.'S
HAIR? TEE HEE HEE!!



HEY,
PAUL E., YOU
STINK!

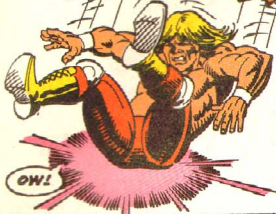
NO!
NO!
NO!
NO!

TIMMY!
GIMME
SOMETHING
TO THROW AT
PAUL E.'S
HEAD!

C'MON!
DOUBLE-A!!
WORK OVER THAT
ARM! CRIPPLE
THE GIMP!

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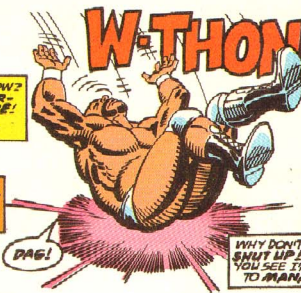


OW!

WHADDAYA KNOW?
IT'S THE DANGER-
OUS ALLIANCE!
WHO WOULD'A
THOUGHT?

WELL, IT REALLY
COULD'VE GONE
EITHER WAY,
JOHNNY.

W-THONK



DAG!

WHY DON'T YOU TWO
SHUT UP! I CAN'T
YOU SEE I'M TRYING
TO MANAGE?



I GOTTA
SPECIAL DELIVERY
FOR YA, BEAUTIFUL
BOBBY!

IN MY DAY,
OUR RAGGLERS DIDN'T NEED
NO HEAD GEAR! AND THE MAT
WAS A HARD WOOD FLOOR!
YOU REALLY GOT HURT
BACK THEN!

WELL, FANS
YOU CAN SEE
THAT PAUL E.
IS AS CALM,
COOL AND
COLLECTED
AS EVER.

MOM!! HE
LOOKED AT ME! HE
WAVED AT ME!

SCOTT TRIES FOR THE
FRANKENSTEINER!

WHO! I SAW THAT
ONE COMING UP
BROADWAY!

BIG MUSS!
TOUGH BREAK
FOR SCOTTY!

YOU KNOW, SCOTT
STEINER JUST GOT
HIS HEAD X-RAYED.
THE DOC SAID, "I'VE
GOT GOOD NEWS
AND BAD NEWS."

HAW HAW!

THW OOT

"THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE DID
FIND A BRAIN CELL IN YOUR BIG
THICK HEAD. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT
IT'S BIG AS A BOWLING BALL
AND WANTS OUT RIGHT NOW!"

THAT'S UNTRUE! UH-OH,
BIG TROUBLE FOR STEINER
AS AIN TEARS AT THAT
INJURED BICEP!

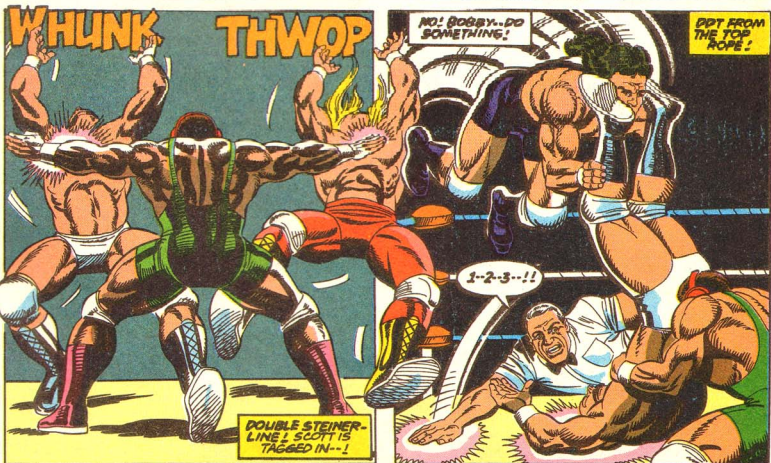
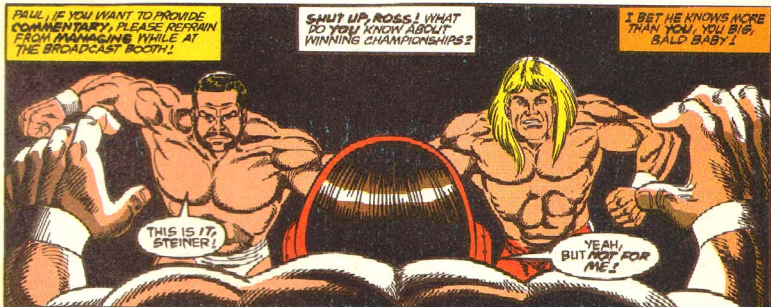
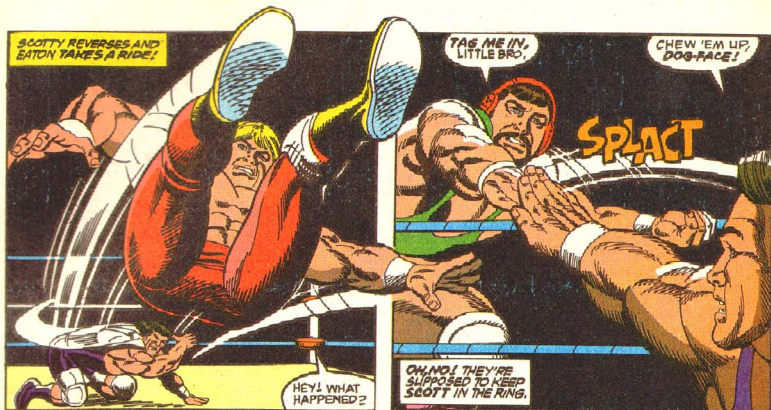
THAT'S SO COWARDLY, BABY!
IF SCOTT CAN'T WRESTLE TO
DEFEND THE TITLE, THE
CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE VACATED.
THEN PAUL E.'S BOYS WON'T
HAVE NEARLY AS MUCH COMPETI-
TION, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'LL
WORK.

Y'KNOW, JOHNNY, YOU'RE NOT NEARLY AS STUPID
AS I THOUGHT YOU WERE... YOU'RE STUPIDER.

TAG IS MADE AND EATON MOVES
STEINER INTO A CHOKEN HUG,

FORGET ABOUT IT! I'VE NEVER SEEN
THE STEINERS GIVE UP! PAULE,
YOU'RE NOT ONLY A LIAR AND A
CHEATER, BUT A BALDING CON
ARTIST TO BOOT, BABY!

AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE LIPSTICK ON MY TEETH.



LET'S GO TO
MISSY HYATT
WITH CACTUS
JACK!

WELL, CACTUS, TONIGHT
YOU WRESTLE STING FOR
THE WORLD TITLE. WHAT'S
YOUR STRATEGY?

MY ONLY PLAN IS TO BEAT
STING UNTIL HE BLEEDS.
I OWE HIM BIG TIME FOR
HUMILIATING ME AT
THE BRUISE CRUISE.*

PEOPLE SAY THAT
JACK'S CRAZY... AND
THEY'RE RIGHT! CRAZY
ENOUGH TO STEP INTO THE
SQUARED CIRCLE WITH
THE LIKES OF YOU, STING.
CRAZY ENOUGH TO BREAK
MY FIST AGAINST YOUR
HARD HEAD, IF THAT'S
WHAT IT TAKES.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO QUICK TO
CALL YOUR OPPONENTS COWARDS
... RICK RUDE ... THE SHOL ... BUT I
SAID YOU'RE THE COWARD! YOU'RE
SCARED OF CACTUS JACK
AND THAT'S WHY YOU
WEAR YELLOW.

#1/SQUID #3, --Gorilla

CACTUS JACK,
YOU'RE BIG AND STRONG.
SOME FOLKS SAY THAT
YOU'RE JUST PLAIN NUTS!
BUT THAT'S OKAY BY ME...
NUTS IS NORMAL FOR
THE STINGER!

THE WORLD TITLE HAS BEEN
SWAMPED IN CONTROVERSY FOR
SO LONG NOW, THE LITTLE
STINGERS LOOK AT ME...
PLEADING WITH ME... TO BRING
THE BELT HOME! AND THAT'S
JUST WHAT I'M GONNA
DO!

LAST MONTH, MY FRIENDS
AND I FACED OUR GREATEST CHAL-
LENGE... THE WAR GAMES... TO
LIBERATE THE BELT FROM RICK RUDE
AND THE DANGEROUS ALLIANCE.
IT TOOK A LOT OF BLOOD,
SWEAT AND TEARS
TO DO IT.

AND, CACTUS JACK,
I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'M
GONNA COME ALL THIS WAY TO
LOSE THE TITLE TO A BIG, FAT
TOOTHLESS JERK LIKE YOU!

INTENSE,
BIG DADDY!

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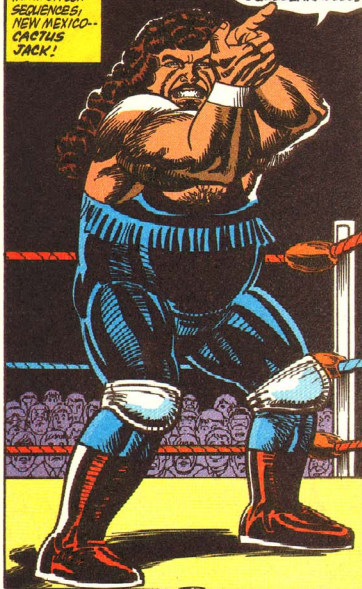
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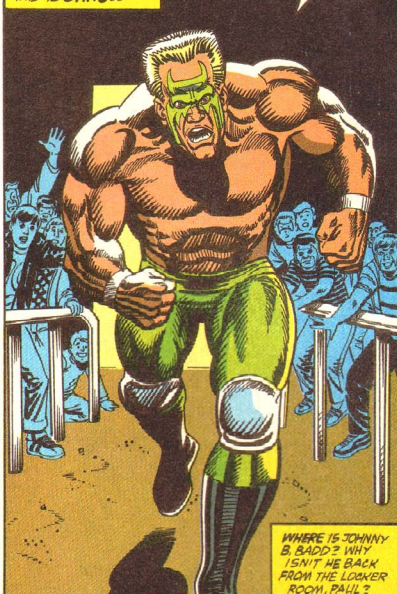
NOW IN THE RING, FROM TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO-- CACTUS JACK!

BANG BANG! C'MON, STING! I'M GETTIN' IMPATIENT! SQUEEEAAAALL!!



AND FROM VENICE BEACH, CALIFORNIA-- THIS IS STING!!

YOU WON'T HAVE LONG TO WAIT!



WHERE IS JOHNNY B. BADD? WHY ISN'T HE BACK FROM THE LOCKER ROOM, PAUL?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? WHAT AM I, PSYCHIC?

ALTHOUGH I WILL SAY THIS: IF YOU PLAY ROUGH WITH THE D.A., YOU'D BETTER HAVE MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE!

WHAT DID YOU DO?

MOI? NOTHING! BUT LET'S JUST SAY THAT ALABAMA IS REAL NICE THIS TIME OF YEAR!



IS THIS BECAUSE YOU FEEL YOU WERE CHEATED OF THE TAG TEAM TITLES JUST BEFORE?



IT WAS A FAST COUNT!

REF COULD'VE COUNTED TO THIRTY!

HAVING TROUBLE,
CACTUS? THEN LET
ME GIVE YOU A
LEG UP!

OOOF! THAT FEELS
GOOD, STING! IT
HELPS JACK
DIGEST!

STING SHOULD GET A
MEDAL FOR BRAVERY
FOR WRESTLING
THAT MANIAC!

THAT'S SO TYPICAL OF
YOU, ROSS. IF RICK RUDE
DID THAT, YOU'D
BE CRYING INTO
YOUR MIKE
ALL NIGHT.

LOOK HOW STING
HAS TWO ILLEGAL
HANDFULS OF
JACK'S HAIR. HE
SHOULD BE
DISQUALIFIED
RIGHT THERE!

CACTUS RETURNS
THE FAVOR WITH
A KNEE-LIFT
OF HIS OWN!

IGNORE
ME! GO
AHEAD,
ROSS!
FORGET
I'M HERE!

I'M TRYING TO.

BE AFRAID, STING!
BE VERY AFRAID!
ALL THE TIME I SAT
AT HOME SUSPENDED,
I THOUGHT OF YOU!
OF BEATIN' THE
PAINT RIGHT OFF 'A
YOUR PRETTY BOY
FACE!

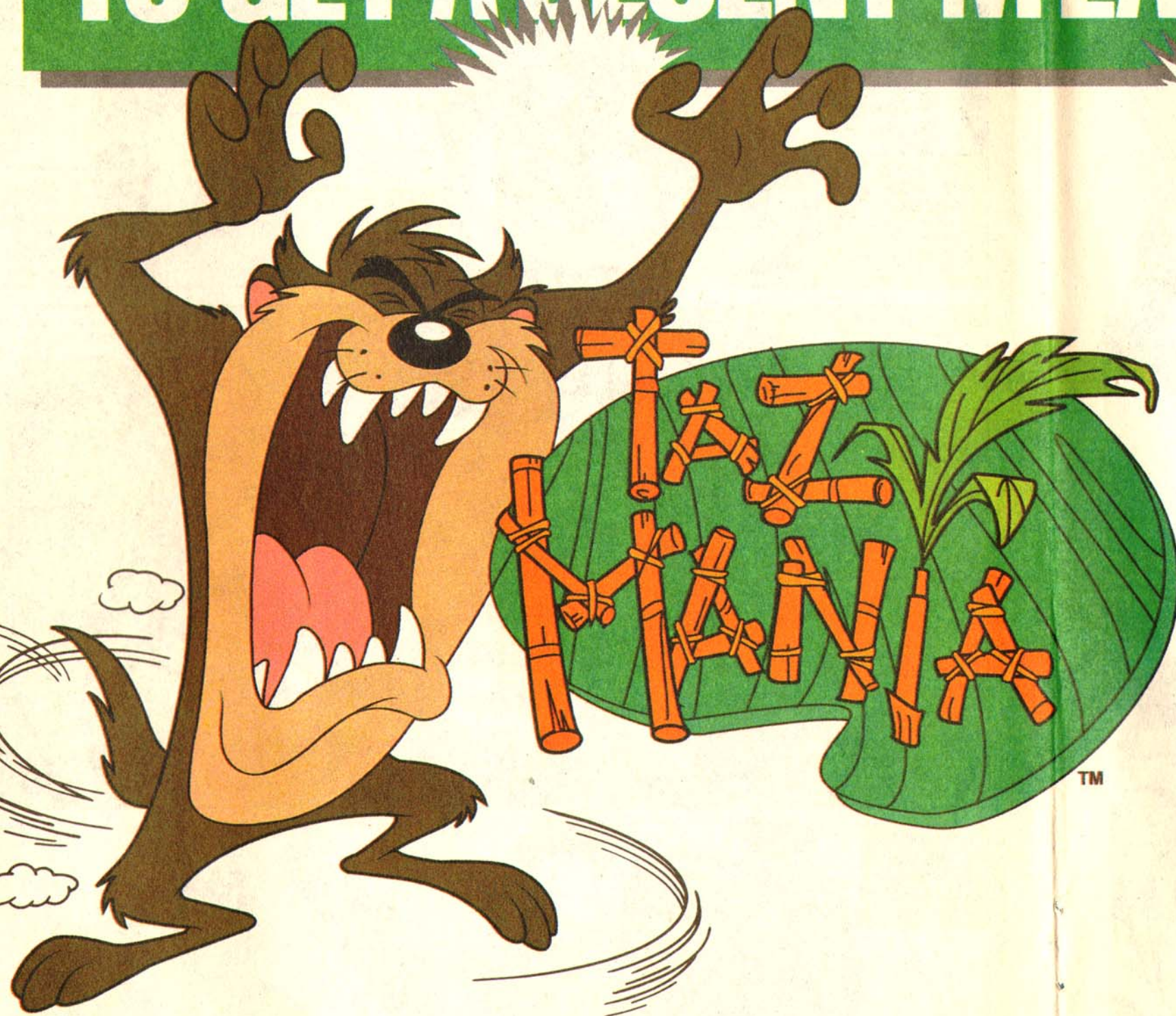
GOSH, CACTUS...I'M
TOUCHED.

ARM-DRAG
TAKEDOWN
BY THE NUM-
BER ONE CON-
TENDER!

WHIP

'COURSE, I'M
NOT AS TUGHED
AS YOU!!

WHAT DOES A GUY HAVE TO DO TO GET A DECENT MEAL AROUND HERE?



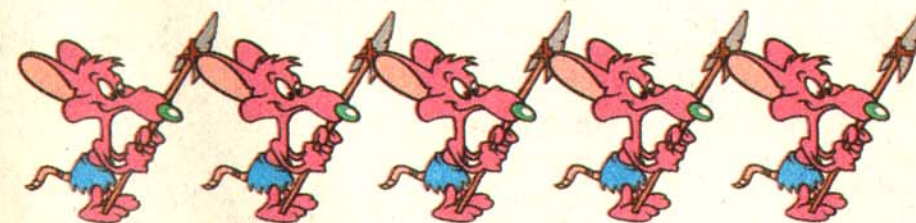
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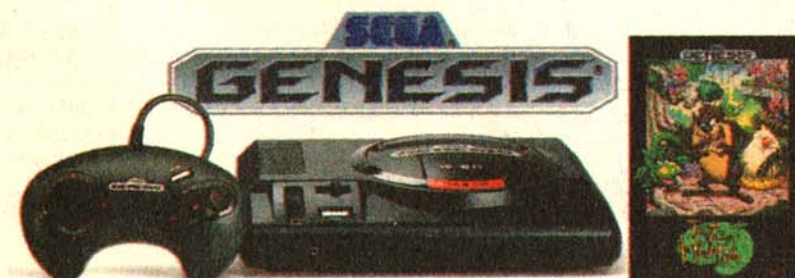
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JACK GRABS THE STINGER'S BLOND LOCKS!

WHAT'S WITH YOU, ROSS? NOW TURN-ABOUT AIN'T FAIR PLAY?

SURE IT IS! BUT STING'S FIGHTING FOR HIS HONOR! THE GOLD! HIS LITTLE STINGERS! JACK JUST WANTS TO INFLICT PAIN!

NOW JACK BREAK STING'S PRETTY ARM.

CACTUS, YOU COULDN'T BREAK AN EGG!

WHAT A GREAT DAY THIS IS, ROSS. NOT ONLY DO WE GET TO SEE THE END OF THE BLEACHED BLOND IDIOT UP THERE...

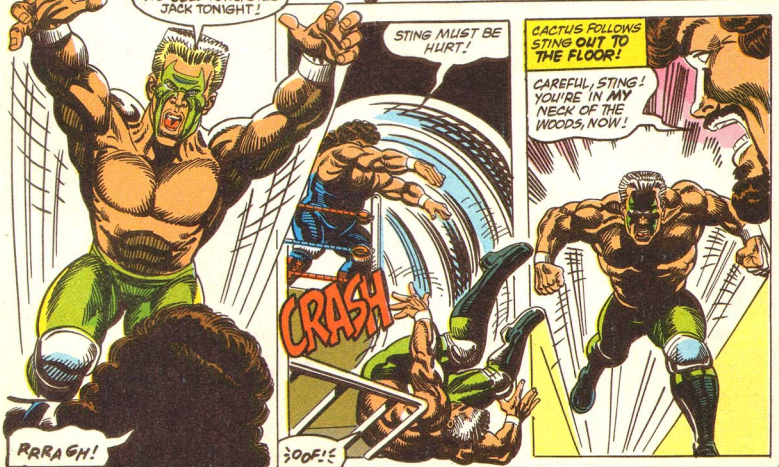
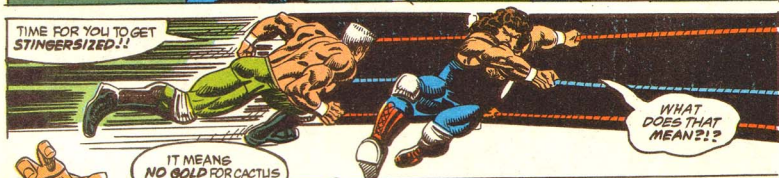
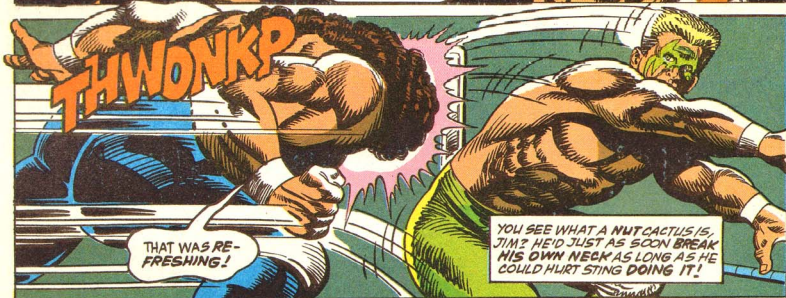
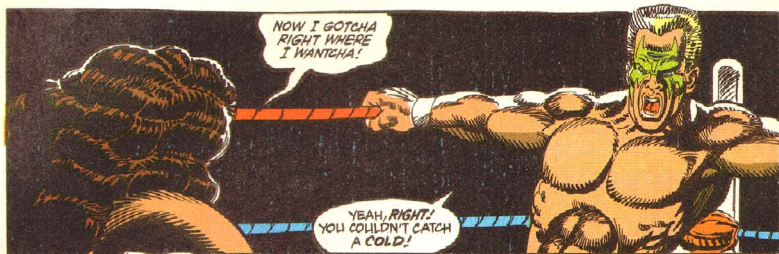
... WE WON'T HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THAT WRIST-SWISHING, TITLE-WISHING, MAKE-UP-WEARING, OVER-BEARING, PEACOCK-STRUTTIN', BABY-FACE JOHNNY B. BADD!

I'LL ONLY ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME... WHERE IS JOHNNY?

WHO CARES?

YOU'RE STILL UPSET HE HELPED GET THE CHAMPIONSHIP BELT, WHICH YOU STOLE, FROM YOUR DANGEROUS ALLIANCE. *

* SEE ISSUE #25... Gorilla.



SKTSH

DID SOMEBODY SAY
NECK? HAW HA HA!
BY THE WAY, ROSS, I
JUST GOT A REPORT
THAT JOHNNY B. BADD
WAS SIGHTED OUT
BY THE SNACK BAR
PIGGING OUT!

REALLY?
WHAT WAS
HE EATING?

UCCCKKK!

BAKED ALASKA!
HAW HA HA! I
GOT A MILLION
OF THEM.

NEED I REMIND YOU, PAUL E.,
THAT KIDNAPING IS A
FEDERAL OFFENSE?

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT
KIDNAPING? THE DANGEROUS
ALLIANCE SIMPLY OFFERED
HIM A ONE WAY TICKET TO
THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN.

BUT HE WAS ONLY WEARING
HIS WRESTLING TIGHTS!
HE COULD FREEZE TO DEATH!

NAAAAH! HE HAS
PLENTY OF HOT
AIR TO KEEP
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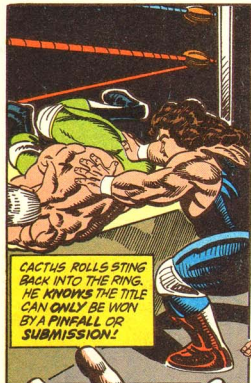
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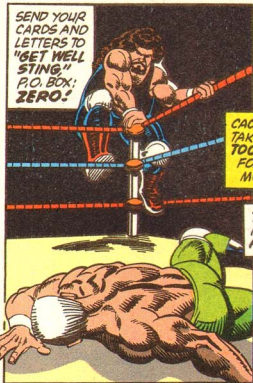
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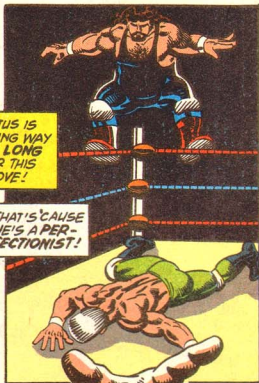
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THAT ONE ALL THE
WAY TO TRUTH OR
CONSEQUENCES!!

GEEZ LOUISE! YOU SEE
THIS, ROSS? CACTUS IS
LAUGHING-- THIS GUY
JUST LOVES TO HURT
HIMSELF! YOU KNOW
CACTUS JACK PULLED
OUT HIS OWN TEETH!

OOOF!! I
LOVE IT!

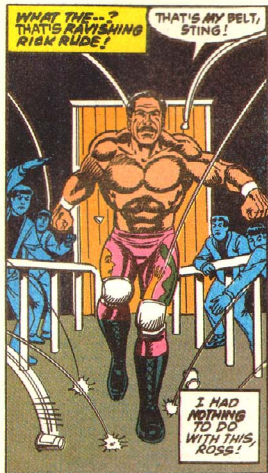
HE DID
NOT!

YOU LIKE PAIN,
CACTUS?

THEN TRY ON
MY SCORPION
DEATHLOCK FOR
SIZE!!

OWW!

HEY, YOU'RE
RIGHT! I LOVE
IT! HARDER!!
BREAK MY
LEGS!



WHAT THE--?
THAT'S RAVISHING
RICK RUDE!

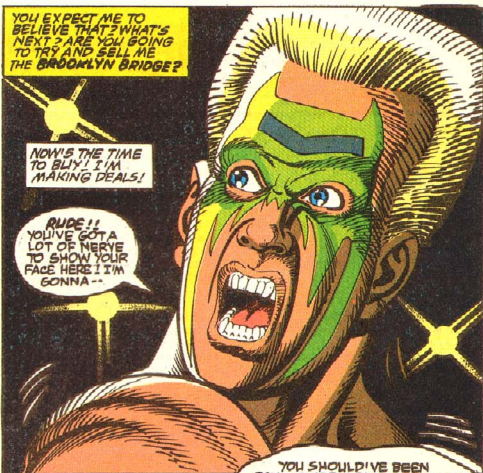
THAT'S MY BELT,
STINGER!

I HAD
NOTHING TO
DO WITH THIS,
ROSS!

YOU EXPECT ME TO
BELIEVE THAT? WHAT'S
NEXT? ARE YOU GOING
TO TRY AND SELL ME
THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE?

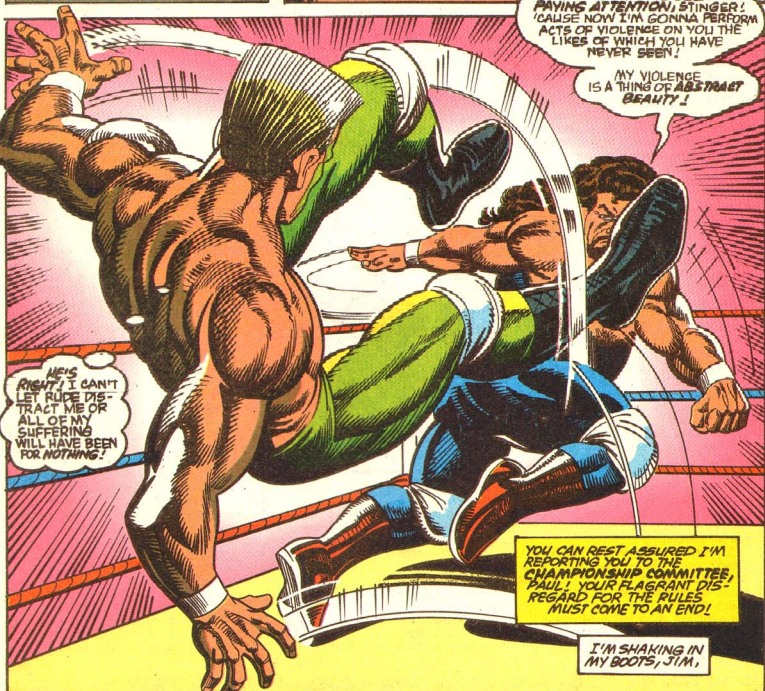
NOW'S THE TIME
TO BUY! I'M
MAKING DEALS!

RUDE!!
YOU'VE GOT A
LOT OF NERVE
TO SHOW YOUR
FACE HERE I'M
GONNA--



YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN
PAYING ATTENTION, STINGER!
'CAUSE NOW I'M GONNA PERFORM
ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON YOU THE
LIKES OF WHICH YOU HAVE
NEVER SEEN!

MY VIOLENCE
IS A THING OF ABSTRACT
BEAUTY!



HE'S
RIGHT! I CAN'T
LET RUDE DIS-
TRACT ME OR
ALL OF MY
SUFFERING
WILL HAVE BEEN
FOR NOTHING!

YOU CAN REST ASSURED I'M
REPORTING YOU TO THE
CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE,
PAUL! YOUR FLAGRANT DIS-
REGARD FOR THE RULES
MUST COME TO AN END!

I'M SHAKING IN
MY BOOTS, JIM!

BULLPEN BULLETINS



STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

Take warning! Today's tantalizing little treatise is gonna be one big, unblushing, unabashed plug! Much as I try not to sully the cultural purity of this prize-winning column (No lie! I awarded myself a no-prize only last week), I can hold back no longer! The time has come to shamelessly huckster one of the greatest projects Marvel has ever offered the pantin' public!

I had no intention of writing about it this month—but then, I saw some pages! I tell you true, they blew me away! The artwork! The action! The characters! The stories! They represent the peak of superhero excitement! And these are just the first issues! Just imagine what'll happen when we begin to figure out what the heck we're doing!

But none of this humongous hype will mean anything if I don't tell you the name of the mags that have me semi-delirious!

Although, chances are you've already guessed what I'm leading up to in my carefully restrained, low-key way! All of comic-dom has been wondering and whispering about Marvel's long-awaited 100-year leap into the next century of superhero sagas—the daring new series which spans ten dangerous decades in order to bring us to a breathtakingly new and startling world—a world of the horrible and the heroic, the weird and the wonderful, the violent and the valorous—in short, the totally awesome, mind-staggering world of—MARVEL 2099!

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I've seen the artwork! I've read the

scripts! I've shared the excitement racing madly through the Bulpen and I tell you this—there has never been a new comicbook project more eagerly awaited or more passionately created! SPIDER-MAN 2099! PUNISHER 2099! DR. DOOM 2099! And they're only the beginning! Yes, MARVEL 2099 may well be the most sensational new series of the next ten decades!

Okay! I warned you that this would be an unadulterated plug! But it wasn't written just to sell a few extra copies; matter of fact the mags aren't even available yet! It was written to alert you, as one friend to another, when they do go on sale, don't let a single copy of the MARVEL 2099 series slip away, because this is a golden opportunity, for you and us together, to be in at the start of a legend!

Excelsior

Stan

Stan Lee

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE COMIC BOOK SHOP!" This is a familiar cry that rings out every year at about this time. School's out, the weather is hot, and children of all ages and shoe sizes are looking for new ways to enjoy the new national pastime—comic books! All across the nation, eager readers are keeping their eye firmly on the comic racks, chomping on their wallets, ready to take a swing at a new series, hoping for a home run. Truly it is a joyous time for all.

There was plenty of joy in Marvelville this past April, as the Marvel editorial all-stars took off a few rainy days in April for the warmer climes of California. The line-up looked like this: **Stan Lee**, who is the Abner Doubleday of Marvel, Manager **Tom DeFalco**, Bench-warmer **Mark Gruenwald**, Outfielder **Carl Potts**, Switch-hitter **Fabian Nicieza**, Shortstop **Bobbie Chase**, and Star Rookie **Hildy Mesnik**. The Marvel boys 'n girls of summer were in California to round the promotional bases, and actually wound up performing something of a double-header.

They first stepped up to the plate in Oakland where they threw out the first ball at a local comics convention. If the roar of the crowd was any indication, the Marvel madmen scored quite a hit with their "exhibition games." Among other hair-raising heroics, Tom D. performed his famous "popping a balloon by sitting on it" trick, Bobbie Chase juggled unjugglable garments, Mark demonstrated his face's affinity for shaving cream pies, and Fabian caught M&M's in his mouth. A talent scout was heard to remark that "Fabian has a good eye. I'm not crazy about his nose, but the kid has a good eye." The convention featured all these Marvel madmen playing their best game; everyone gave 110%. As one spectator noted at the time, "They really came here to play... with the possible exception of DeFalco, who may have come just for the promise of free peanuts and crackerjacks!"

The Marvelballers carried their winning streak over to **George Lucas's** special effects company, Industrial Light and Magic, located at a secret location in California. Although Tom's titans didn't have the home field advantage, they still came through like champions. At ILM, DeFalco's dreadnaughts presented an hour and a half talk about Marvel as part of ILM's guest-lecture series. The speech went over like a grand slam, with the Marvel team committing only a few errors. (Fortunately for all, the speech did not go into extra innings.)

Having completed this double play of shmoozing, the Marvel team headed for home. Back at our own field of comic book dreams, the Marvel bullpen was treated to visits by a few famous heavy-hitters. These illustrious guests were not sluggers—rather, they were musicians! First up was half of the famous **Kid 'n Play** rap team—none other than Hall of Famer, **Kid!** Kid was a good sport—you could say he really came to play. (Unfortunately, Play didn't come to *kid*.) Kid really did stop by—would we kid you about a thing like that?

Hot new heavy metal group **War Babies** also dropped by the bullpen, to witness our hardworking team as we went through spring training. Fans of hard-rockin' music should check out the War Babies new album—these guys may never play the National Anthem at Yankee Stadium, but their music is ready for the major leagues!

As we complete the seventh inning stretch of this Bulpen page, we are somewhat put in the mind of... baseball. This is probably as good a time as any to check in with the Marvel softball team, the Punishers. This grim and gritty team, whose uniforms feature glow-in-the-dark gatefold holograms, lost their first game against local TV station WNET. Still, the Punishers put up a good fight, much like the fictional Punisher in pursuit of some perpetrators, keeping it competitive at 12-8. Team managers this year are managing editor "Diamond" **David Wohl** and editor Rob "The Babe" **Tokar**.

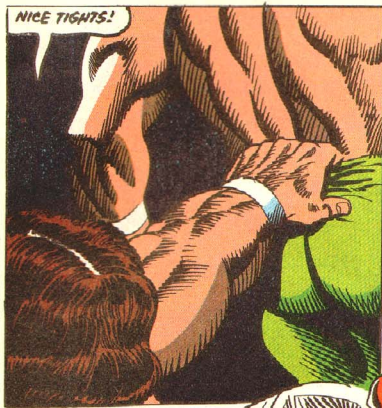
At the time of this writing, the Marvel team was gearing up for the first of three big games against uptown archrivals DC. After the way we humiliated the DC Batmen last

year, it should be interesting to see what happens when the Batmen Return. (Sure, they can get multi-million dollar movies made, but can they compete where it really counts—on the softball field?)

And, in the field of television, one show which is sure to slide into first place soon is the syndicated **Dennis Miller Show**. Dennis did some colorful commentary about Marvel Comics of the late sixties on a recent episode of his late night talk-fest. It seems Dennis was a longtime Marveloid in his bush league days. Thanks for going to bat for us, Dennis! You can be our designated talk show host any time!

Looks like Mighty Marvel has not struck out with the fans this year. If our winning streak continues, we may make it all the way to the World Series of Comics! So until next time, remember—it ain't over till the Kingpin sings!

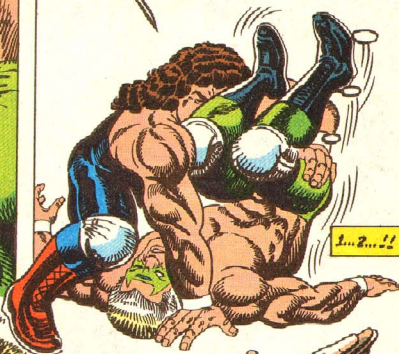




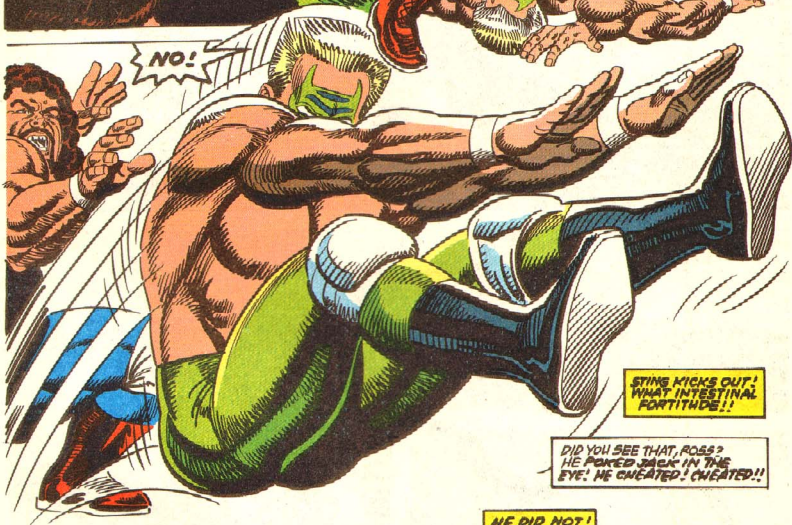
NICE TIGHTS!

THEY LOOK REAL
GOOD ROLLED UP
ON THE MAT!

NO! NOT
LIKE THIS!!



Rolling!!

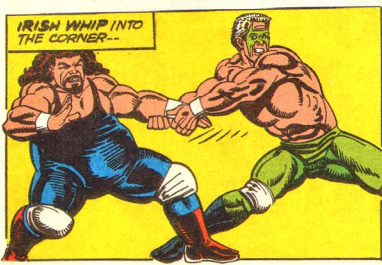


NO!

STING KICKS OUT!
WHAT INTESTINAL
FORTITUDE!!

DID YOU SEE THAT, ROSS?
HE POKED JACK IN THE
EYE! HE CHEATED! CHEATED!!

HE DID NOT!

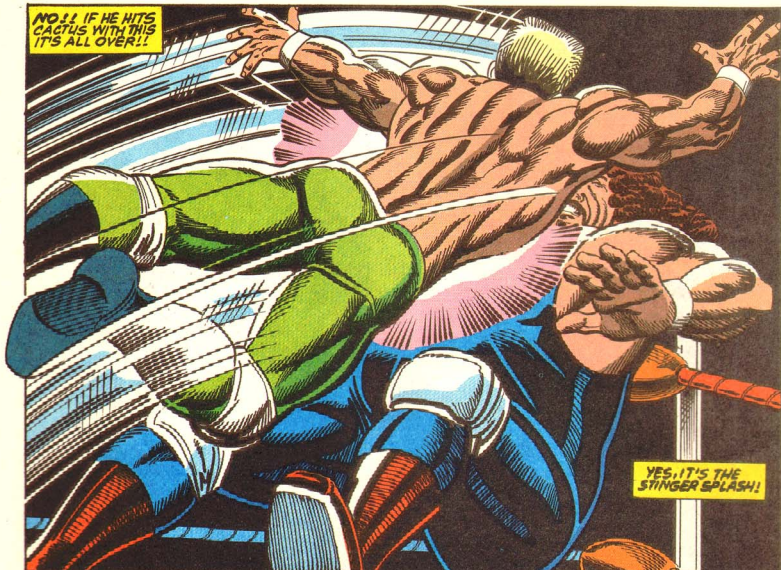


IRISH WHIP INTO
THE CORNER--



--AND CACTUS JACK
CRASHES HARD INTO
THE TURNBUCKLE!

KLUNK



NO!! IF HE HITS
CACTUS WITH THIS
IT'S ALL OVER!!

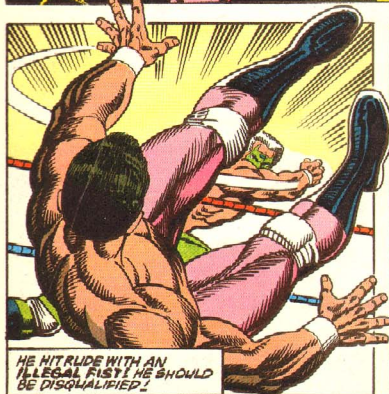
YES, IT'S THE
STINGER SPLASH!



GET HIM, RICK!
STOP HIM!!

THE BUCK STOPS
HERE, STINGER.

YOU'RE
TELLING ME?



HE HIT RUDE WITH AN
ILLEGAL FISTI! HE SHOULD
BE DISQUALIFIED!



NOW PAUL E. IS SLINKING
BACK TO THE LOCKER ROOMS
WITH RUDE! THE ACTION'S
ALMOST TOO FAST TO CALL!

EXIT

C'MON
CHAMP!

I NAILED
HIM WITH MY HOT
DOG ROLL!

CACTUS JACK IS DOWN! STING
MOVES IN FOR THE COVER! CAN
HE GET A THREE COUNT?

HURRY UP
AND COUNT, REF!
I DON'T HAVE ALL
DAY!

SQUEEEEEALLL!

ONE-- TWO--
THREE!!!

HE'S DONE IT! WE HAVE A NEW CHAMPION!
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CHAMPION! WHAT A GREAT DAY THIS IS!!

HE'S FACED EVERY CHALLENGER--
EVERY OPPONENT! CACTUS JACK!!
RAVISHING RICK RUDE!! THE
DANGEROUS ALLIANCE!! AND
HE'S COME OUT ON TOP!!

WHO SAYS NICE
GUYS FINISH
LAST?



THIS
ONE'S FOR ALL
OF MY LITTLE
STINGERS!

EXCELLENT!!!

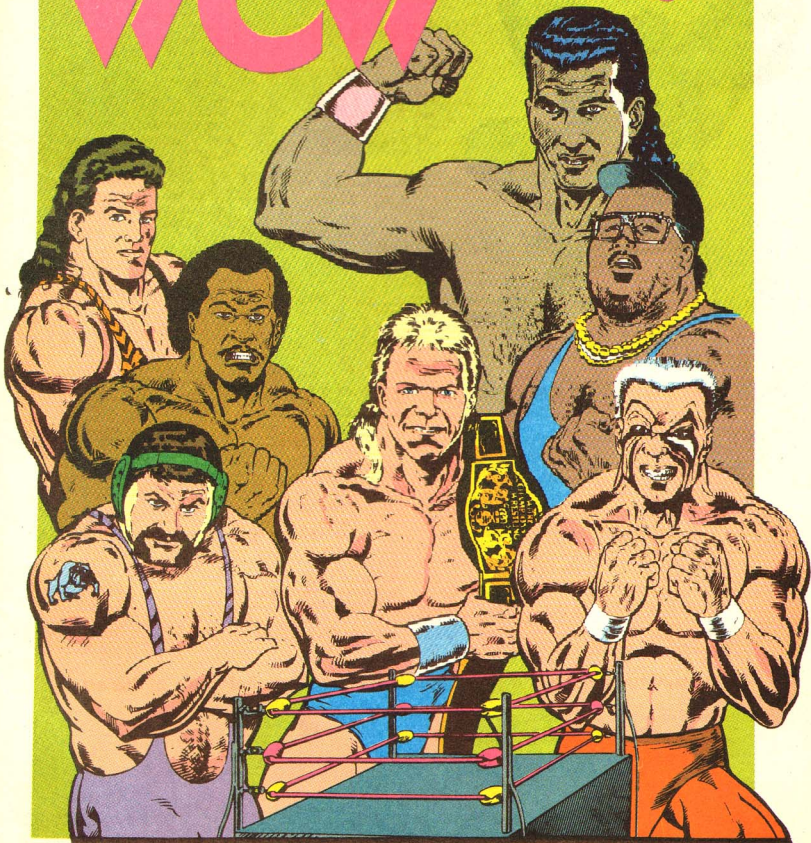
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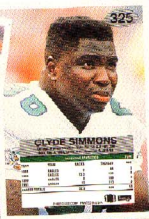
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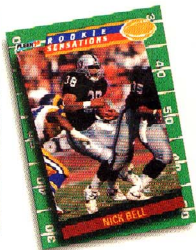
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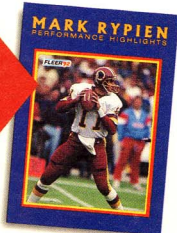
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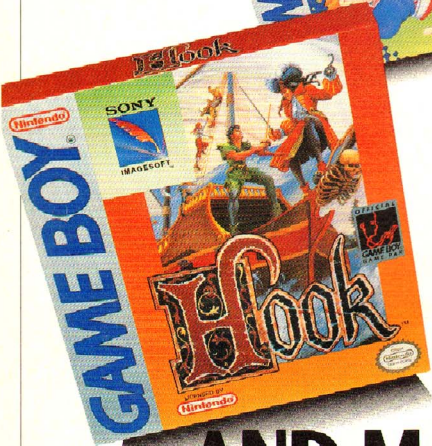
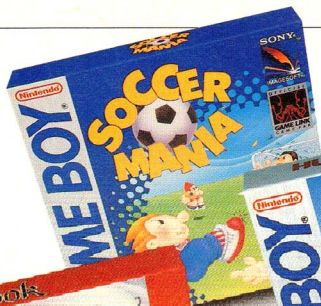
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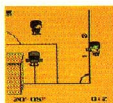
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